

General Plan Update Proposed Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions



Health Care

Item _____ - March 22, 2010 Task Force Meeting

Good access to quality medical services is an important resource for San Jose residents, advancing the Vision and the Healthy Community City Design Concept. The goals, policies, and actions in this section support the development of health care facilities and services for all in the San Jose community.

Access to Medical Services

Goal HC-1 **Provide for the health care needs of all members of the San Jose community.**

HC-1 Access to Medical Services Policies

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| Policy HC-1.1 | Facilitate the development of new and promote the preservation and enhancement of existing health care facilities that meet all the needs of the entire San Jose community. |
| Policy HC-1.2 | Maintain and update the General Plan Land Use Transportation / Diagram as necessary to provide sufficient opportunities for hospitals and medical care facilities to locate in San Jose. |
| Policy HC-1.3 | Recognizing that health care is a regional issue that crosses jurisdictional boundaries, work with the County, non-profits, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations to ensure that adequate, affordable health care facilities are available for all San Jose residents. |
| Policy HC-1.4 | Respond to changing technology, changes in the City form, and changes in how health care is provided by maintaining and updating, as necessary, regulations for where and how health care can be provided and where health care facilities can be located. |
| Policy HC-1.5 | Encourage new health care facilities to locate in proximity to existing or planned public transit services. Coordinate with local transit providers as part of the development review process for new facilities. |
| Policy HC-1.6 | Encourage the location of health care facilities and hospitals in areas that are underserved and lack adequate health care facilities. |
| Policy HC-1.7 | Continue to develop and maintain land use policies and City programs that encourage healthy lifestyle choices that potentially diminish the demand for health care services. |

- Policy HC-1.8 Work with the County, non-profits, and other public and private organizations to encourage employers to institute worksite wellness practices and programs and provide adequate health coverage and benefits to employees.
- Policy HC-1.9 Encourage potential hospital facilities to consider the impacts of the new facility on existing hospitals' service areas, demands, and capacities.

Note: One potential action item for supporting the provision of Health Care is to allow hospitals and health care facilities in all Villages and Corridors. This provision will be incorporated into the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan text describing the Land Use / Transportation Diagram Village designation and is therefore not listed as a separate action here.